

REMARKS

Claims 7, 11, 20, 24, 31, 35, 37, 44, 48, 49, 58, 62, 69, 73 and 75 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, 12-16, 19, 21, 22, 25-27, 29, 30, 32-34, 36, 38-40, 43, 45, 46, 50-54, 57, 59, 60, 63-65, 67, 68, 70-72 and 74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bodin et al. Claims 4, 17, 28, 41, 55 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodin in view of Gavrilovich. Claims 5, 18, 42 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodin in view of Quick, Jr. Claims 10, 23, 47 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodin in view of Raith et al. Claims 7, 11, 20, 24, 31, 35, 37, 44, 48, 49, 58, 62, 69, 73 and 75 have been allowed. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-19, 21-23, 25-30, 32-34, 36, 38-43, 45-47, 50-57, 59-61, 63-68, 70-72 and 74 have been canceled. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled, rendering their rejections moot, and leaving only allowed claims 7, 11, 20, 24, 31, 35, 37, 44, 48, 49, 58, 62, 69, 73 and 75 as pending in the application.


In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5752 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 440402000400.

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